

State Senator Joe Crisco's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

I was happy to meet with DOT officials to work on potential solutions to traffic congestion at the Route 15/Route 69 interchange.

WOODBIDGE FUNDING

West River Homeowners Project Saved from Bonding Budget Cuts

Given these difficult economic times, it was necessary for legislators on the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee to recommend cancellation of \$412 million in projects, many of them worthy. Through my strong efforts, however, an important project for West River homeowners remains eligible for funding.

Firefighter Training Funds: I was proud to have obtained funding for the volunteer firefighter training and certification program, which had been threatened with devastating cuts. Now, towns will continue to be reimbursed for a portion of the costs incurred when volunteers complete their training. I believe we must do all we can to help towns properly prepare volunteers who risk their lives to protect persons and property.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Savings for Towns and Cities on Prescription Drug Plans

This legislation would allow Woodbridge, other municipalities and boards of education to purchase prescription drug coverage through the state employee plan. The costs would be considerably less than coverage now offered to many Connecticut municipalities, thereby helping to control local property taxes.

Bio-Medical Research Fund Expanded: Alzheimer's and Diabetes Research

Through legislation I sponsored, researchers investigating Alzheimer's and diabetes are now eligible to apply for grants from the Bio-Medical Research Fund.

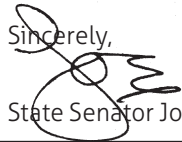


ADDRESSING THE SNARLED RT69/15 INTERCHANGE

I invited officials from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to tour the area around the interchange at Exit 59 of the Wilbur Cross Parkway—the site of regular bottlenecks. As a short-term solution, the DOT will install better signage by June 2010. As a long-term solution, the DOT is considering a major realignment of the parkway ramps. It will hold public hearings on any long-term plan, possibly as early as this summer.

Dear Neighbor,

The 2010 legislative session—one of the most challenging in recent memory—has come to a close. You will find a report of our major achievements in my summer newsletter. Here, I will focus on local issues. I hope you will take a moment to review the information, and call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


State Senator Joe Crisco



It was my pleasure to read to the third-grade students at Beecher Road School.



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SIGN-UP FOR MY E-NEWSLETTER

PROTECTING NEARLY \$100,000 IN FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS FOR AMITY

I convened a meeting of the Amity legislative delegation and State Education Commissioner Mark McQuillan to resolve a difficult issue whereby, according to complex federal rules, Amity Regional School District has a disproportionate number of white students in grades 7-12 diagnosed as autistic, and would be required to divert 15% federal funding away from educating these students. I am pleased that we found an interim solution to keep the funding intact, while a more permanent solution is being investigated.

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